



Report of Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Report to Scrutiny Board (Sustainable Economy and Culture)

Date: 8 October 2013

Subject: Request for Scrutiny

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Summary of main issues

1. A request for Scrutiny has been received from a member of the public, Mr George Hall. This relates to developers and the planning process.
2. The details of Mr Hall's request are attached as appendix 1, and Mr Hall has been invited to attend the Board to present his request.
3. The decision whether or not to further investigate matters raised by a request for scrutiny is the sole responsibility of the Scrutiny Board. As such, any decision in this regard is final and there is no right of appeal.
4. When considering the request for Scrutiny, the Scrutiny Board may wish to consider:
 - If further information is required before considering whether further scrutiny should be undertaken;
 - If a similar or related issue is already being examined by Scrutiny or has been considered by Scrutiny recently;
 - If the matter raised is of sufficient significance and has the potential for scrutiny to produce realistic recommendations that could be implemented and lead to tangible improvements;
 - The impact on the Board's current workload;
 - The time available to undertake further scrutiny;
 - The level of resources required to carry out further scrutiny;
 - Whether an Inquiry should be undertaken.

Recommendations

5. The Scrutiny Board is asked to:
 - (i) Consider the request for Scrutiny.
 - (ii) Determine if it wishes to undertake further scrutiny of this matter.

Background papers¹

6. None used

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.